

## What is a bandit sign?

*Bandit Sign* shall mean a sign posted in violation of the City Code in the public right of way having six (6) square feet or less of advertising area and made of vinyl, paper, cloth or fabric, polyboard, coroplas, corrugated plastic, posterboard, plastic core, cardboard or plywood including signs with wood or wire framing, posts or stakes.



A Bandit Sign is a sign posted illegally without a City permit or decal affixed to the sign face.

These signs are typically posted either along the side of the road in the right of way or on utility poles, street signs and light standards.



## What is the right of way?

The right-of-way (ROW) is property maintained by the City in which the City and the adjacent property owner share a vested property interest.



An easy way to determine if a sign is actually placed in the ROW and NOT on private property is if it is along a roadway and is placed between any utilities (such as poles, light standards, transformer boxes, telephony boxes, street signs) and the roadway.

## Are there bandit signs that are allowed?

Some signs resemble Bandit signs. However, certain bandit type signs are allowed and are permitted through the City. These signs should display an Official City decal affixed to the front of the sign indicating that they are permitted by the City of San Antonio.



## Are bandit signs allowed? (Continued)

The signs that are permitted to be placed on the ROW of a road or highway maintained by the city are referred to as Temporary Weekend Signs. These signs are allowed to be placed on the City ROW From Friday until Monday.



If a Temporary Weekend sign is permitted, there should be a decal in plain view, and potential violations for such signage requires that a City sign inspector investigate and document the violation for appropriate enforcement.

## Can I remove illegal signs?

San Antonio citizens interested in assisting the City in keeping their community clean CAN participate by removing and discarding Bandit Signs from the ROW.

## What can I do about illegal signs?

Temporary Weekend Signs in violation and signs larger than a bandit sign should be reported to the Development Services Sign Division for proper enforcement. **Report any sign violations to the Development Services Department Sign Division, at 207-0116 or 207-8289.**



The Development Services  
Department is online at:  
[www.sanantonio.gov/dsd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd).

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Please call (210) 207-1111 and follow  
the prompts to get the information you  
are looking for:

- Prompt 1: Permit/Inspection Status
- Prompt 2: Schedule an Inspection
- Prompt 3: Plan Review Status
- Prompt 4: Trade Permits & Licenses,  
Residential Plan Intake & Escrow  
Account Information
- Prompt 5: Commercial Plan Review
- Prompt 6: Zoning Questions
- Prompt 7: Land Development
- Prompt 8: Building or MEP  
(Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing)  
Code Questions
- Prompt 9: Web Support
- Prompt 0: Customer Service



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